

4.9 Ownership and Land Use – Parks and Recreation

Activities under the Proposed Action or the alternatives considered are projected to have no perceptible adverse or beneficial effect on land ownership, land use, or designated recreational areas within the Puget Sound Action Area. Current trends in land use would continue under any alternative selected. Construction activities directly related to salmon fisheries during the duration of this action (the 2004–2009 fishing seasons) would likely be limited to maintenance and repair of existing facilities, not expected to result in additional impacts to riparian habitats associated with the fisheries regulated by the resource management plan.

Growth or decline in an economy is typically the propulsive force for land use changes. The probable economic consequences of the Proposed Action or alternatives would likely be too small to affect land use (see Subsection 4.6).

Facilities used in association with river fisheries are essentially all in place. If there is a reduction in the salmon fishery program, some access points to the water might experience a reduction in traffic, but in most cases would continue to be used for other river activities, such as recreational boating.

